

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



2020 Legislation Affecting MOSERS

The 2020 legislative session ended on May 15. The bills passed by the General Assembly that affect MOSERS include the following:

TAFP SS for SCS for HB 1467 & HB 1934: Modifies provision regarding various pension systems. As it relates to MOSERS, the proposal:

- ***Divorce After Retirement*** — Allows a retired MOSERS member divorced on or after January 1, 2021, to remove their former spouse as a survivor beneficiary upon divorce and receive an adjusted annuity amount. To do so, the divorce decree **must** provide for the sole retention by the MOSERS member of all rights in the annuity and that the former spouse is not entitled to any survivor benefit under MOSERS. Members who divorced prior to January 1, 2021, may remove their former spouse as a survivor and receive an adjusted annuity **if the parties obtain an amended or modified dissolution decree, after January 1, 2021**, which provides the MOSERS member all rights in the annuity and the former spouse is immediately removed as the survivor beneficiary.
- ***Judicial Buyout*** — Allows an active judge to elect to receive a lump-sum payment equal to no less than sixty percent of the present value of the member's vested MSEP benefit. Any active judge who elects to take the lump-sum payment will forfeit all credible service and future rights to receive retirement annuity benefits from MSEP and is not eligible to receive any long-term disability benefits.
- **HB 2005:** The General Assembly authorized the appropriation of \$476 million to MOSERS for Fiscal Year 2021. This appropriation fully funds the Board-certified employer contribution rate. This amount was generated from the employer contribution rates calculated in the annual Actuarial Valuations performed by MOSERS' retained actuarial professionals and certified by the MOSERS Board of Trustees at its September 2019 Board meeting.